

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the creation of an electronic container to conduct a ~~business~~-transaction comprising:

creating an electronic version of an object useful in conducting the ~~business~~-transaction;

creating a ~~graphical code~~ representing information about the object, wherein the graphical code comprises information about the object;

associating the ~~graphical code~~ information about the object with the object;

assigning a unique transaction identifier to the object to associate the object and the information about the object with the ~~business~~-transaction; and

storing the object with other objects having the same unique transaction identifier.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the ~~graphical code~~ information about the object comprises ~~unique~~-index information about the object.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the ~~graphical code~~ information about the object comprises coordinate location relating to fields within the object.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the ~~graphical code~~ information about the object comprises routing information.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 wherein the information about the object is conveyed in a graphical code that is associated with the unique transaction identifier ~~graphical code comprises at least a one dimensional code.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The method for the creation of an electronic container of claim 1 further comprising binding the object to other objects wherein the ~~graphical code~~ information about the object comprises binding information that relates the object and each of the other

objects to each other.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for the creation of an electronic container to conduct a ~~business~~ transaction comprising:

an object comprising a unique transaction identifier containing information useful in conducting the ~~business~~ transaction;

a workstation for inputting ~~data~~ information about the object;

~~a graphical code creator connected to the workstation for creating graphical code comprising the data;~~

~~an electronic record creator connected to the scanner for creating a composite electronic record comprising the object and the graphical code; and~~

a container creator ~~for~~ adapted for:

~~associating the object with other objects and for assigning a transaction identifier to the object.~~

associating the information about the object with the object; and

associating the object with other objects each having the same unique transaction identifier.

8. Canceled.

9. (Currently Amended) The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 7-8 wherein the ~~data~~ information about the object comprises ~~index~~ data ~~information~~ concerning the ~~object~~ object.

10. (Currently Amended) The system for the creation of an electronic container ~~8-of claim 7~~ wherein the ~~data~~ information about the object comprises coordinate location of fields within the object.

11. (Currently Amended) The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim ~~8-7~~ wherein the container creator comprises instructions for viewing the object, and the information about the object. ~~unique index data, and supplemental data concerning the object in a viewer.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The system for the creation of an electronic container of claim 4-7 wherein the container creator is further adapted for further comprises associates associating instructions for retrieving and manipulating the object using the same application that created the object with the container.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for managing workflow within an organization comprising:

-receiving an electronic container comprising an object-associated with a business transaction and routing information associated with the object and information about the object, wherein the object is associated with a unique transaction identifier and wherein the electronic container comprises objects having the same unique transaction identifier; extracting routing information associated with the object from the information about the object;

routing the object to a recipient designated in the routing information for processing the ~~business transaction~~object; and

receiving from the designated recipient a processed object.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for managing workflow within an organization of claim 13, wherein receiving an electronic container comprising an object associated with a ~~business~~ transaction comprises receiving an object selected from the group consisting of an image, a document, a database, a computer generated file, and an electronic data interchange file.

15. Canceled.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 13, wherein the ~~method~~information about the object further comprises ~~receiving object~~ index information about the object.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 16, wherein ~~the object~~index information about the object comprises information indicative of a field value, a field name, a field type, and a length value.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of

claim 13, wherein the ~~method further comprises receiving a graphical code~~information about the object further comprises information indicative of an organizational structure of the electronic container.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 18, wherein ~~receiving a graphical code~~information indicative of an organizational structure of the electronic container comprises ~~receiving~~ rules directed to determining the order of objects within the container.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of managing workflow within an organization of claim 18, wherein ~~receiving a graphical code~~the information about the object indicative of an organizational structure of the electronic container comprises ~~receiving~~ rules directed to determining whether the electronic container comprises all of the objects associated with the ~~business~~ transaction.